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SOYBEAN INSPECTIONS CONTINUED TO DECREASE IN DECEMBER

Receipts of soybeans inspected in December continued to decrease and totaled 5,603 cars compared with 19,547 cars in November. The December inspections brought the total for the first three months of the season to 58,422 cars compared with 31,912 cars for the same months of 1942.

The quality of the soybeans inspected in December was somewhat lower than that of the November inspections. Only 66 percent graded No. 2 or better compared with 79 percent in these grades in November. Thirty-four percent fell in the lower grades compared with 21 percent the previous month.

Inspections of soybeans in December included the equivalent of 52 cars inspected as cargo lots, and truck receipts equivalent to about 115 cars.

SOYBEANS: INSPECTED RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1943, IN CARLOTS ^{1/}

Class	Grade					Total December 1943	Total October 1 to December 31, '43
	No.1	No.2	No.3	No.4	Sample		
Yellow	1,121	2,513	1,585	232	69	5,520	57,960
Green	1	1	-	-	-	2	33
Brown	8	-	-	-	-	8	17
Black	8	4	3	4	-	19	172
Mixed	15	21	11	6	1	54	240
Total cars	1,153	2,539	1,599	242	70	5,603	
Percentages	21	45	29	4	1	100	
October-December Cars	31,933	18,779	6,469	875	366		58,422
1943 Percentages	55	32	11	1	1		100
October-December Cars	6,360	7,577	6,399	4,703	6,873		31,912
1942 Percentages	20	24	20	15	21		100

^{1/} Cargo and truck receipts converted to carlots on basis of 1,500 bushels equal 1 carlot.

